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Dear Jimmy,

Matter of fact. I could have used Jerry if he'd been here. The boys who used to do my mowing just stopped coming. And the son-in-law of a neighbor had just built a fine new doghouse. Getting "hooked on his singing" is hardly the words for what that noise is and what it does.

What Thames TV is doing is not going to be any "documentary." You should be clear on that. HBO was not in touch with me but Bill Pepper did phone me. He told me that it is going to be "The Trial of James Earl Ray." Everything done in that format has been bad and I want nothing to do with that or with any conspiracy theorizing.

Fox TV is also preparing to do a show. I've let them have copies of those of the records I have they wanted. The producer and his researcher seem to be good people.

Jerry told me that what he is getting is going to make it posssible for him to retire in a trailer near Knoxville. Good for him! From what he said he may have moved to Memphis by now.

The only possible claim to classification I can think of that can be made for records on Abernathy is the phony claim that it was a national security operation, not just spying on him. As you know they can withhold parts of records so that does not explain their stonewalling you. Maybe they just want to give you a rough time. Besides, the Abernathy records won't do you any good. From unconfirmed rumors I heard there could have been bimbos.

Oliver Stone loused up the disclosure of the House assassins records by gathering up the kitchen sinks and throwing them in. If the request had been just to disclose the House records, that could have been voted on overnight and nothing other than a vote by the House itself would have been involved. But by making it all-inclusive it got very complicated and Bush will have to sign it. I doubt he will. So, Stone got the personal publicity and publicity for his movie and thus far that is it.

Jerry says he is interested in making a movie about you and there have been a few things in the papers along those lines.

From the return address on the envelope I thought you might have made good on one of those escape plots for which you were locked up.

I guess that everything is going as well with me as with all my medical problems I can expect. Just had 50th wedding anniversary.

Have you kept a list of the TV shows you have done? Someone asked me about them the other day and I said I had no idea which ones or how many. But I thiught quite a few over the years. Now you are going to be an international star. Hope it goes well and does you some good, which I do not expect. Any more than testifying before the House did. Or have you forgotten how much good that did you. I Imagine they'll have you chum Blakey on it. I do not think they'll come up with any real "new evidence" but for you I hope they do.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg Harold